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Mr. Wayne Crowther, P.E. Smoky Canyon Area B Coordinator Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality 444 Hospital Way #300 Pocatello, ID 83201

RE: Draft 2015 Annual Report for Habitat Management and Environmental Monitoring at the Smoky Canyon Mine Tailings Impoundment

Dear Mr. Crowther;

Attached are EPA's comments on the Draft 2015 Annual Report for Habitat Management and Environmental Monitoring at the Smoky Canyon Mine Tailings Impoundment. EPA received the document on June 14th. EPA has completed its review and has no comments on the document.

You can contact me at 208/378-5760 if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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Smoky Canyon Project Manager

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Enclosure

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